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SUBJECT: EXCLUSION OF US CORRESPONDENTS FROM COVERAGE OF LPDR

NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION

1. DESPITE EARLIER INDICATIONS THAT THE LPDR WOULD

ISSUE VISAS TO SEVERAL BANGKOK BASED AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS INCLUDING LEWIS SIMONS OF THE WASHINGTON POST, DAVID GRAY OF AP, AND A CBS CREW OF COVER THE NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS OF DECEMBER 2ND IN VIENTIANE, THE LPDR APPARENTLY AT THE LAST MINUTE REVERSED ITSELF. THIS IS ACCORDING TO NORMAN PEAGAM, BANGKOK CORRESPONDENT FOR THE FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW, WHO TOLD EMBOFF THAT THE LPDR EMBASSY IN BANGKOK TURNED DOWN ALL VISA REQUESTS BY AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS.

2. FOR WHATEVER REASON THE LPDR HAS SINGLED OUT AMERICANS. CORRESPONDENTS FOR NHK, FIGARO, THE BBC, REUTERS, FAR EASTERN ECONOMIC REVIEW, KYOTO, VIZNEWS AND THE SWEDISH NATIONAL TELEVISION HAVE ALL BEEN GRANTED VISAS, ACCORDING TO PEAGAM. ODDLY ENOUGH, WALLEY BURGESS, AN AUSTRALIAN PHOTO CORRESPONDENT WHO

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FORMERLY LIVED IN VIENTIANE AND WHO WAS ASKED TO LEAVE

THE COUNTRY SEVERAL MONTHS AGO HAS ALSO BEEN GRANTED A
VISA. ALTHOUGH NO AMERICAN CORRESPONDENTS WILL COVER
THE CELEBRATIONS IN VIENTIANE, SOME US MEDIA WILL
APPARENTLY BE REPRESENTED INDIRECTLY. PEAGAM NOTED
THAT THE BBC CORRESPONDENT, BRIAN EADES, ALSO STRINGS
FOR THE WASHINGTON POST. IN ADDITION, THE SWEDISH
NATIONAL TV CORRESPONDENT, KLAUS BRAT, STRING FOR
UPI, AND OCCASIONALLY SELLS FOOTAGE TO NBC.
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